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Attorney Docket No. 24857

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mueller, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1774

Serial No.: 10/014,796

Examiner: Jill M. Gray

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: **SUTURE MATERIAL FOR SURGERY, PROCESSES FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND THE USE THEREOF**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.17 and 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time as follows:

One-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated March 18, 2004 (\$55.00 fee).

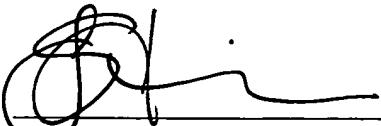
A check for the above-indicated amount is enclosed (\$.00).

If additional extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 are required to allow consideration of papers accompanying this Petition, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The Commissioner is specifically authorized to charge **the extension of time fee (\$55.00)** and any other fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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